The renewed petition includes express statements from counsel and from Melissa A. Collins, the person who executed the certificate of transmission on the original submission, confirming on a firsthand basis that the ten page submission attached as Exhibit A to both the original and renewed petitions is a true copy of the ten-page facsimile submission filed 17 October 2006 as a timely response to the Notification of Missing Requirements. These materials, in combination with the original petition, provide an acceptable showing under 37 CFR 1.8(b) confirming the 17 October 2006 filing. Accordingly, the materials attached as Exhibit A to the present petition (including the executed declaration) are appropriately treated, for purposes of timeliness, as having been filed on 17 October 2006 as a timely response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed 27 September 2006. It is noted that, for all other purposes, these materials will be treated as having been filed on 21 February 2008, the filing date of the original petition (see 37 CFR 1.8(a)).

The Notification of Abandonment mailed 31 January 2008, based as it was on applicants' purported failure to file a timely response to the Notification Of Missing Requirements mailed 27 September 2006, is appropriately vacated.

CONCLUSION

The renewed petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **GRANTED**.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.8, for purposes of timeliness, the materials accompanying the present petition, including the executed declaration, are treated as having been submitted on 17 October 2006 as a timely response to the Notification Of Missing Requirements mailed 27 September 2006.

The Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) mailed 31 January 2008 is hereby **VACATED**.

This application is being returned to the National Stage Processing Branch of the International Division for further processing in accordance with this decision. The date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) is 21 February 2008.

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